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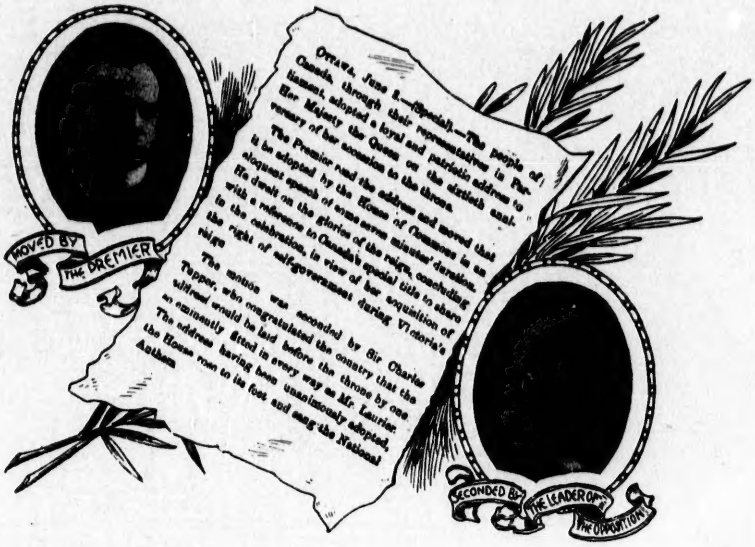
to Their Excellencies
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND THE COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN

SHIELD ON TOP OF CASKET


MOVED BY THE PREMIER
OTTAWA, June 2.—(Special).—The people of Canada, through their representatives in Parliament, adopted a loyal and patriotic address to Her Majesty the Queen on the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the throne.
The Premier read the address and moved that it be adopted by the House of Commons in an eloquent speech of some seven minutes' duration. He dwelt on the glories of the reign, combining with a reference to Canada's special title to share in the celebration, in view of her acquisition of the right of self-government during Victoria's reign.
The motion was seconded by Sir Charles Tupper, who congratulated the country that the address would be laid before the throne by one so eminently fitted in every way as Mr. Laurier. The address having been unanimously adopted, the House rose to its feet and sang the National Anthem.
SECONDED BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

CASKET PRESENTED BY THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

MANUFACTURED BY H. BIRKS & SONS, MONTREAL.

DESCRIPTION OF CASKET

IN Designing this tribute the makers aimed at keeping every feature essentially Canadian.

The Casket proper is of birds-eye-maple, 18¾ inches long by 14 inches wide, standing on four gold feet, each one formed by a cluster of maple leaves, with their stalks.

Around the base is a row of gold maple leaves, broken in the centre of the front by a beaver, resting on a scroll.

Rising from this base, and supporting the cornice, are sixteen columns, with gold capitals and bases. These columns are of Labradorite, which with its weird, bluish, opalescent tints, is the most beautiful of Canada's semi-precious stones.

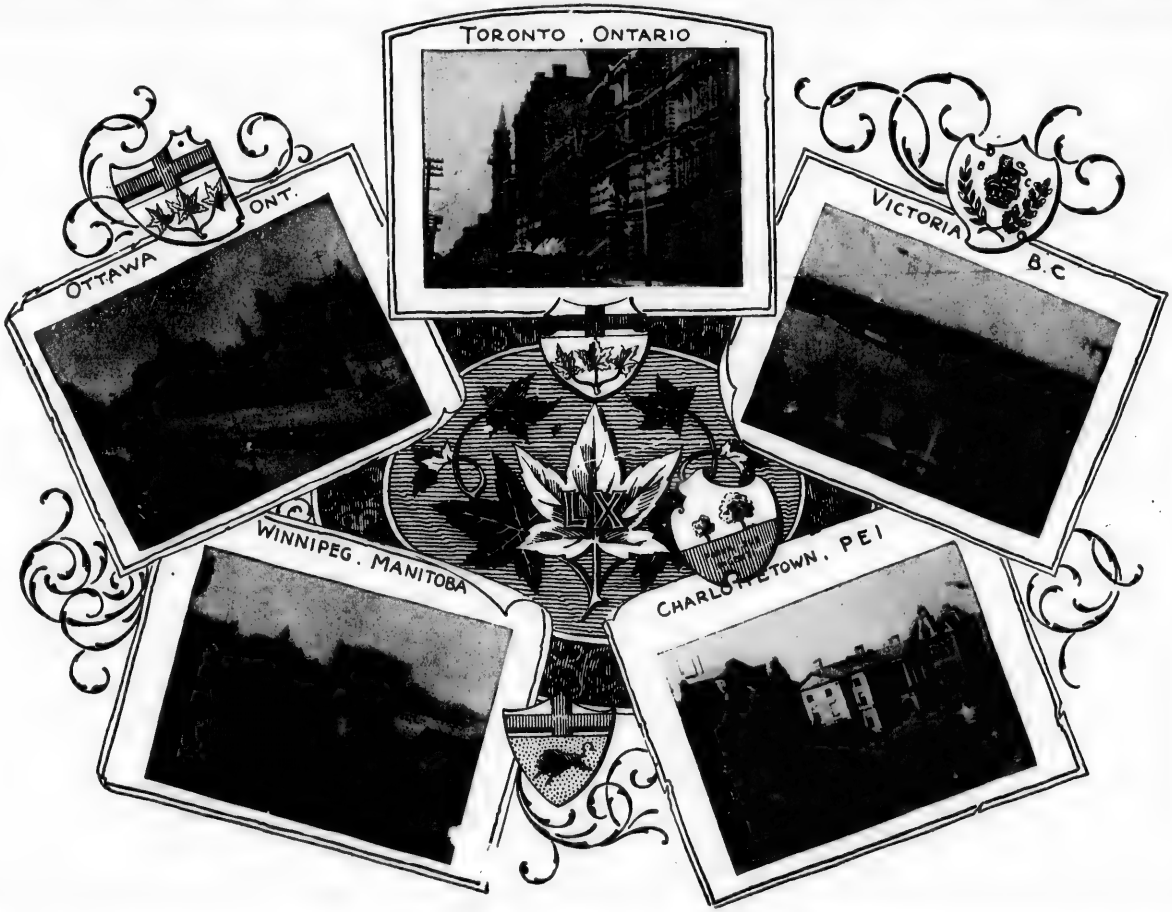
Between the columns are ten massive gold shields on which are illustrated views of the ten principle Canadian cities, while in the centre of the front are the Royal Arms in bas relief.

Above the cornice, and extending along the front and sides, are nine shields bearing the Dominion Arms, the Arms of the Seven Provinces and of the North West Territories.

Above these again is another line of gold maple leaves, while in the centre of the top, surmounted by a bas relief of the Lion, Crown, and the dates 1837-1897 is a massive gold plate bearing the inscription.

The entire casket stands on a birds-eye-maple base 21 inches long by 16 inches wide.

The workmanship is exquisite in every detail, and when it is considered that the entire piece was turned out in ten days, Canadians may well feel proud of their goldsmiths.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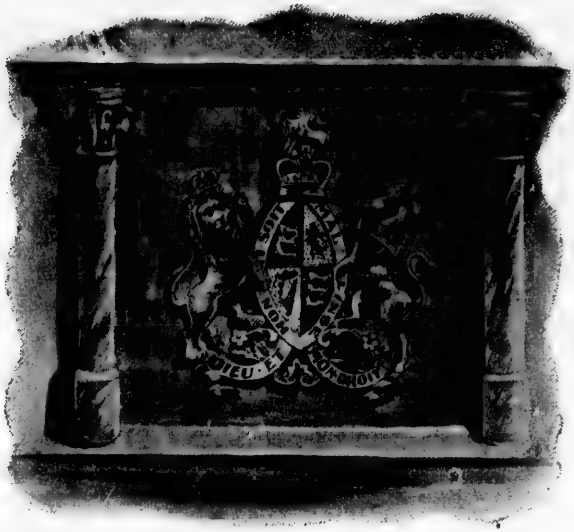
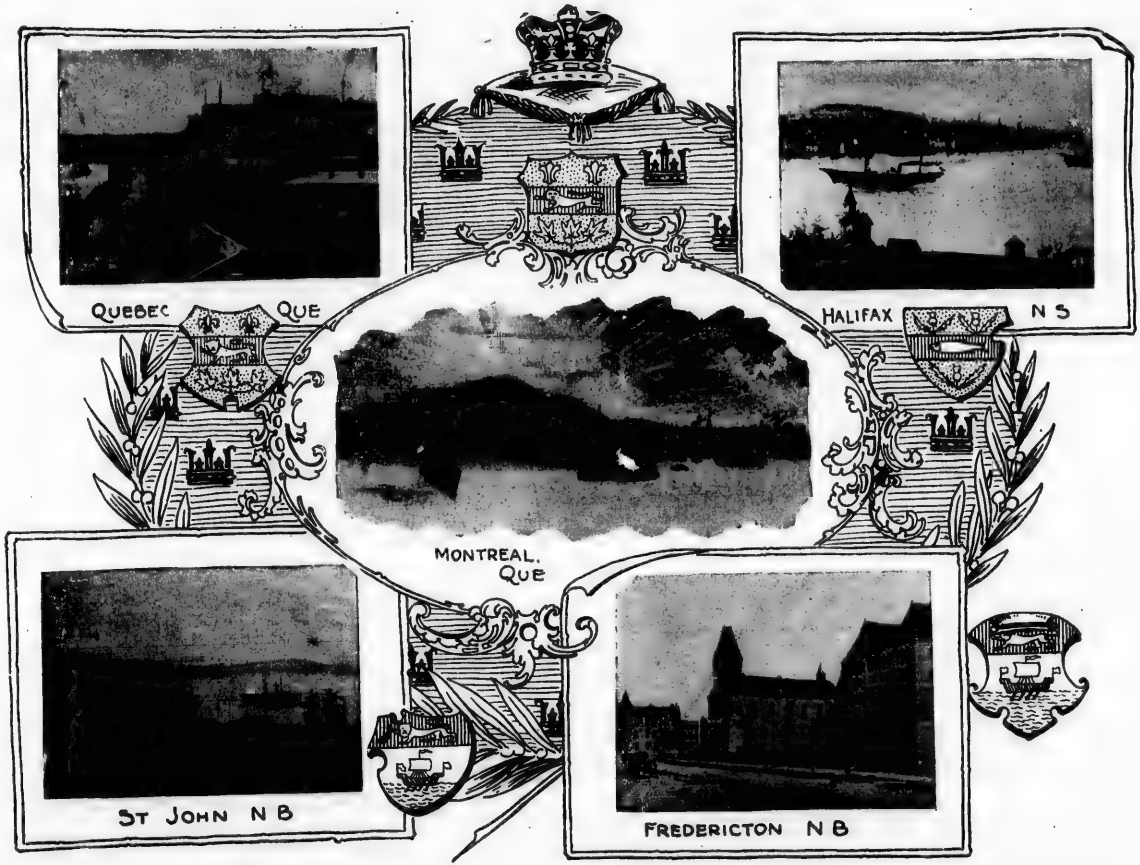


CENTRE PIECE ON FRONT OF CASKET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MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Senate and (blank left for House of Commons) of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg to offer our sincere congratulations on the happy completion of the sixtieth year of your auspicious reign.

When, on the memorable occasion of Your Majesty's Golden Jubilee, the representative of your loyal Canadian people joined those of other parts of the Empire in expressing their heartfelt pleasure that, by the grace of God, the nation had for half a century enjoyed the inestimable benefit of your Majesty's constitutional and beneficient rule, they stated their earnest hope that your Majesty might be spared for many more years to reign over your loyal subjects.

A decade has since passed, and to-day we contemplate with renewed satisfaction the fact that Your Majesty is still the head of the State. Not only have none of your illustrious predecessors sat on the throne of our country for so extended a period, but in the history of the nations of the world few monarchs have ruled so long and none have been so universally honored and revered.

Looking back across the sixty years which have elapsed since Your Majesty's

coronation, it is impossible not to be impressed with the immense strides which during that period have been made by the civilized world in all that constitutes the moral, intellectual and well-being of mankind. The gospel of our Divine Teacher has been preached in the remotest parts of the earth, temperance in all things has become more than at any previous period an accepted rule of human conduct, more adequate provision has been made for suffering humanity, the administration of justice has been placed on a more humane and otherwise satisfactory basis, great advances have been made in science and the arts, and the literature of the Victorian era surpasses that of any former period in breadth of thought and general excellence as well as in volume and popular appreciation. By the establishment of railway and steam communication, the inauguration of an improved postal system, the invention of the electric telegraph and telephone, as well as the general utilization of electric power, and by an indefinite number of other agencies, the comfort and convenience of the people have been immensely increased. During the same period the Empire has been enlarged and its scattered members brought into more intimate fellowship with one another and with the Motherland. Your Majesty's Colonies in North America have but with one exception, been gradually consolidated into a united Dominion the people of which have been, and we believe will continue to be, amongst the most loyal of the races and peoples owing fealty to the British Crown.

We trust that we and Your Majesty's subjects in other parts of the Empire may continue for many years to come to enjoy the benefit of your gracious and peaceful rule, and we earnestly pray that He, who is the supreme King of Kings, may endow Your Majesty with every blessing in what remains to you of this life, and with everlasting felicity in the life to come.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND DOMINION CABINET

MONTREAL'S ADDRESS

ADDRESS

TO HER MAJESTY

QUEEN VICTORIA

ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION

OF HER

DIAMOND JUBILEE

THE ALBUM AND CABINET

DESCRIPTION OF ALBUM

MONTREAL'S Address is bound in the form of an album of finest red morocco leather, 19 inches long by 14 inches wide (made in the Gazette Bindery).

On the back is stamped the Royal Monogram in gold.

Three massive gold shields are the prominent features on the front cover. The centre one, six inches long by three and a half inches wide, bears the Royal Arms in relief. The left hand shield, four inches long by two and three-eights wide, bears the Montreal Arms, while the right hand one, of the same size, bears the Provincial Arms of Quebec, both of these also in relief.

The maple leaf and fleur-de-lis, which appear in the Arms of the Province, are wrought into the borders of these shields.

The album is fastened by two heavy gold clasps, beautifully chased in the form of maple leaves.

In all the gold work, weight and fine workmanship were aimed at, rather than great display.

A birds-eye maple cabinet, lined with royal purple velvet, holds the album, and on top of this cabinet is a large gold plate surmounted by a lion and crown, on which is engraved the inscription.

SOLID GOLD SHIELDS ON ALBUM

MANUFACTURED BY H. BIRKS & SONS, MONTREAL.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY *

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN

THE citizens of Montreal desire to offer to your Majesty a humble expression of the joy and thankfulness with which they greet the anniversary that crowns the longest, as it has been the happiest, reign in British history.

With the whole body of your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects in every portion of the Empire, they render thanks to God for this memorable opportunity for associating themselves with their Queen in the heart-stirring retrospect of the past sixty years. They rejoice to commemorate a reign whose greatness has been founded upon goodness, and whose glories all nations may hold in highest reverence.

Your reign has been a reign of peace.

Your conquests have been the fruit of a wise policy, and you have followed, wherever possible, the methods of peaceful negotiations. In the adjustment of those internal

disturbances which are the inevitable incidents of a people's history, you have trusted less to force than to wise conciliation. This peace has been "peace with honor" and with justice.

Your reign has been a reign of liberty.

Civil and political rights have been assured to all; educational opportunities have been greatly increased and widely extended, and the claims of conscience have everywhere been recognized. The development and triumph of constitutional government within the Empire has been largely the fruit of your Majesty's wise rule. In our own Dominion, constitutional government, prudently administered, has enabled us to surmount many provincial, racial and religious difficulties; and we rejoice to assure your Majesty that nowhere has your Majesty a more loyal, law-abiding and contented people than in Canada.

Your reign has been a reign of prosperity.

A marvellous and unparalleled growth has been witnessed in the sphere of commercial, scientific and industrial progress. And in this connection, your people cannot forget the debt due to one, who, in an age of warlike proclivities, conceived and carried to triumphant success the first world's exhibition, the beneficent fruits of which we are reaping to-day.

Prince Albert still lives in our hearts as in yours.

The development of railway enterprise and navigation has gone hand in hand with scientific discovery, and your subjects in the colonies across the seas may recall in particular, how submarine cables, unknown before your day, have linked together the most distant portions of your Empire.

Of this prosperity the city of Montreal has enjoyed an ample share. She has seen, since your Majesty's accession to the Throne, her population increase six-fold, her harbor

correspondingly enlarged, the bridge that bears your name built over the waters of her peerless river, direct communication established from ocean to ocean, wealth flowing in from every quarter to what has become one of the greatest centres of commerce and industry.

Nor have the needs of intellectual progress been neglected. Without forgetting those works of charity which help to sweeten the life of the poor, our city has at the same time applied herself, by her universities, colleges and schools, to disseminate learning everywhere within her precincts, and in many other ways to elevate the tone and standard of living in the community of which she is the most active centre.

Your Majesty's reign has witnessed a marvellous extension of the Empire, but with that extension the ties binding the colonies to the Motherland have not been weakened or impaired. On the contrary, they have been greatly strengthened and firmly cemented. Your Canadian subjects cordially appreciate your Majesty's intimate knowledge of their Dominion, and the great and unceasing interest you have manifested in its welfare. They remember with pride the presence among them of members of the Royal family, officially and privately. They delight to honour the able and distinguished men whom your Majesty has sent as representatives; and from one end of Canada to the other, the marked distinction conferred upon a late premier of the Dominion, in his life and in his death, will ever be held in grateful recollection.

To our hearty acknowledgment of your Majesty's wise, gracious and glorious rule, we cannot refrain from adding the expression of our profound admiration of your Majesty's personal character and example. To you we owe much of the purity of both our public and our domestic life. Your kindly recognition of all service rendered by any of your subjects; your encouragement of everything tending to elevate and refine the

people; and your beautiful sympathy with, and generous charity towards distress of every kind and in every portion of your realm, have won for you a warm place in the hearts of all your people. Your wish that this anniversary should be consecrated to wise and generous provision for the wants of your poorer subjects, has touched our sympathies and deepened our affection.

The sixty years of your Majesty's reign have been sixty years of happiness for your subjects; and this address, which we have the honor to present unitedly in English and French, the two official languages of the Dominion, is no mere form of words, but a genuine expression of loyalty and love.

Your wise rule and beautiful life will ever be cherished by your subjects as a precious inheritance.

God still spare our beloved Queen to a loyal, grateful and loving people.

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